

Considerations for STA Traffic Mirroring

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English Icon	Description
	Indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.
	Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.
	Indicates a hazardous situation, which if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.
	Indicates a hazardous situation, which if not avoided, could result in settings failing to take effect, equipment damage, or data loss. NOTICE addresses practices not related to personal injury.
	Calls attention to important information, best practices, and tips. NOTE addresses information not related to personal injury or equipment damage.

Change Log

Date	Change Description
2023-05-06	This is the first release of this document.

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1 Overall Description

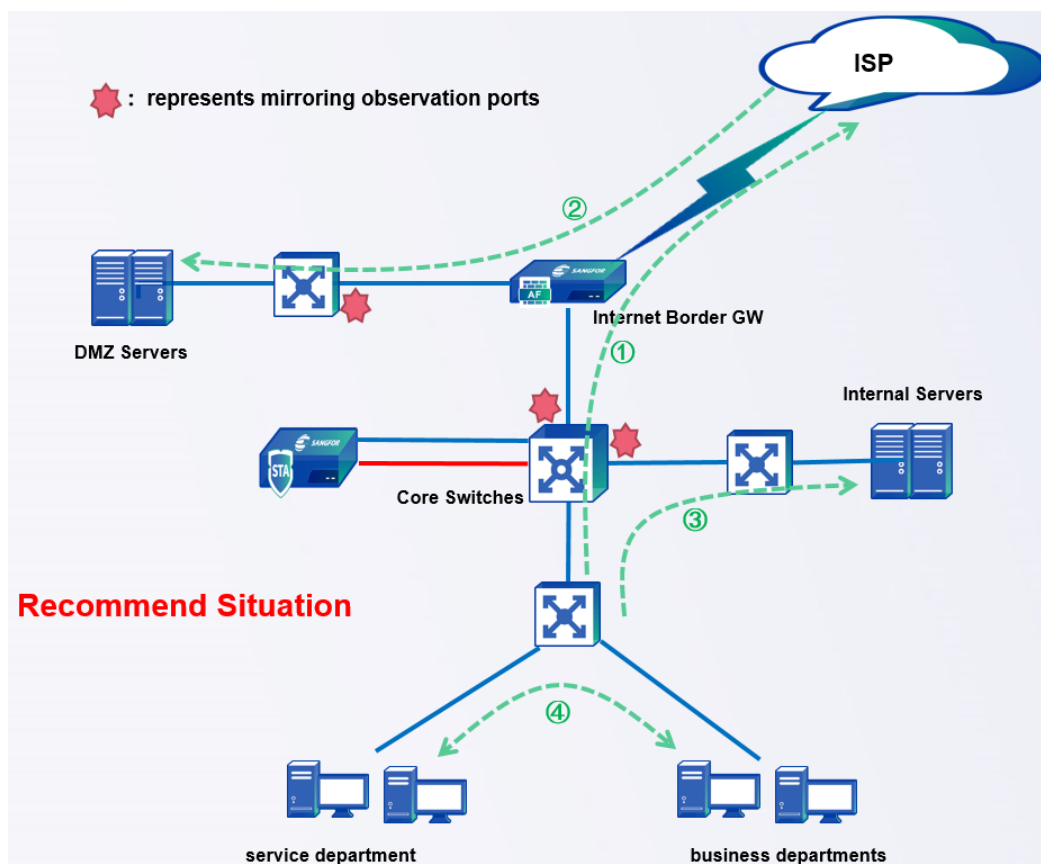
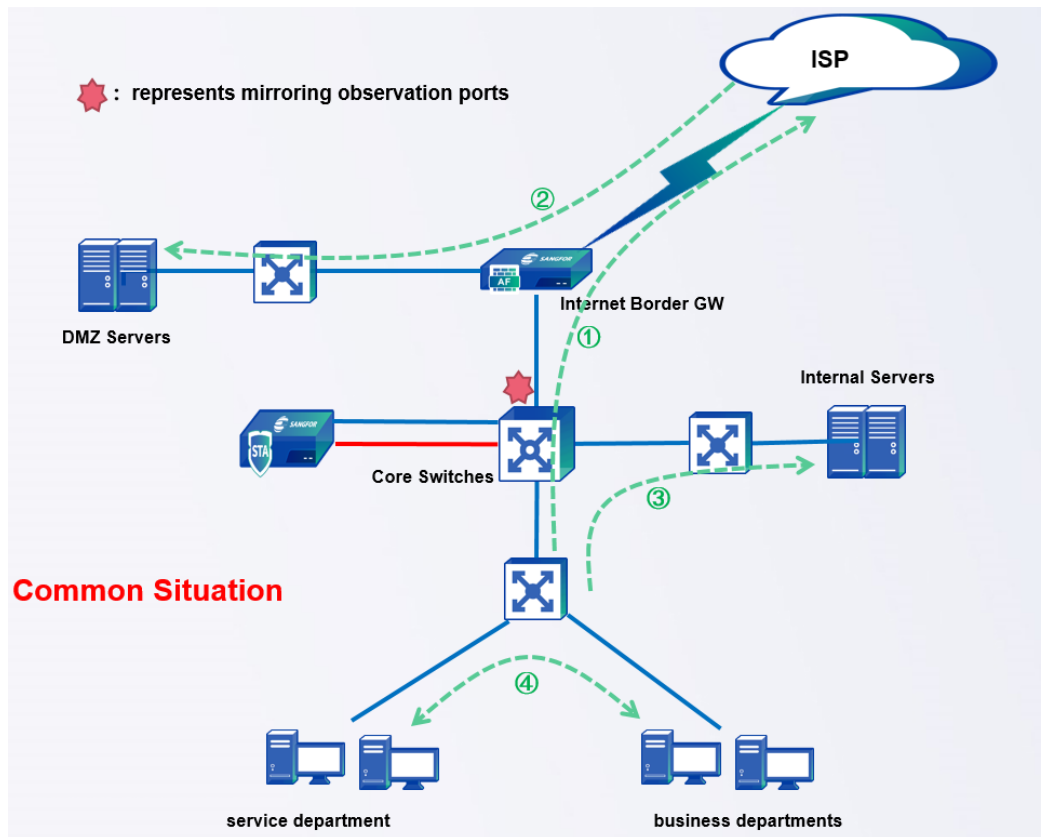
Different from gateway products (such as WAF, AF, IPS, etc.), CC products themselves are platform products, and STA is deployed in a bypass. The installation and deployment will not affect the customer's network, and only need to configure mirroring on the switch, so It is easy to get started, but what needs to be paid attention to is that before deployment, research on special typical scenarios (such as: NAT scenarios, load/proxy scenarios, DNS server scenarios, etc.)

A summary of the content is shown in the attached table below:



No	Subject Classification	Factorst	Consideration Items	Actual Situation/Conclusion
1	Mirroring Traffic	Traffic Access Direction	1. Outbound Access; 2. Inbound Access; 3. Lateral Access;	
		Reduce Duplication	1. Single STA, switch interface level; 2. For multiple STAs, analyze the inter-domain traffic to determine the mirror port of the specific switch;	
		Sinking Principle	Evaluate the feasibility of mirroring switches below the core switch;	
		Performance Issue	Data center scenarios, lateral access ports are often high-traffic scenarios, STA performance needs to be evaluated, and	
		Mirroring Switches	General switches or professional TAP switches;	
		One-way Traffic	Avoid one-way traffic since STA detects threat by complete sessions.	
2	Single STA	Sort Out the Access Direction	Traffic direction - map the inbound and outbound ports of the switch and extract the best port selection scheme	
3	Multiple STA	Security Zones Traffic	1. Topology map, security zones and access direction layer; 2. Flow direction and value distribution between security zones, minimizing duplication; 3. Reasonable allocation of STAs to ensure performance met;	
4	NAT Scenario	Source NAT	Ensure that the location before the source NAT is mirrored;	
		Destination NAT	Ensure that the area behind the destination NAT is mirrored;	
	Load Blancing/Proxy	Observation Port Selection	Clarify the relative position between STA and load balancing or reverse proxy devices, and the front and rear positions are different;	
6	Internal DNS Server Scenario	Identify and Adjust Mirroring Position	Try to avoid by adjusting the mirroring observation port position	
7	Scanner/SNMP Server/OMS/...etc	Whitelists	These typical devices or servers need to be added to the whitelist	
8	Encrypted Traffic	Protocol and Algorithm	DMZ servers run https traffic should be cosidered to import certificate.	

- **Traffic Direction:** In principle,outbound access, inbound access, and lateral access,mirroring traffic is performed based on these three flows from the perspective of direction, among which outbound access is mainly terminal or server access Internet traffic, inbound access mainly refers to the access of Internet users to external servers, lateral access mainly refers to cross-security zones communication from terminal to terminal or internal server, branches access HQ through leased line/VPN in branch scenarios, etc... When conduct mirroring policy,we give priority to ensuring the direction of outbound access and inbound access. As for lateral access, we try to cover it as much as possible.

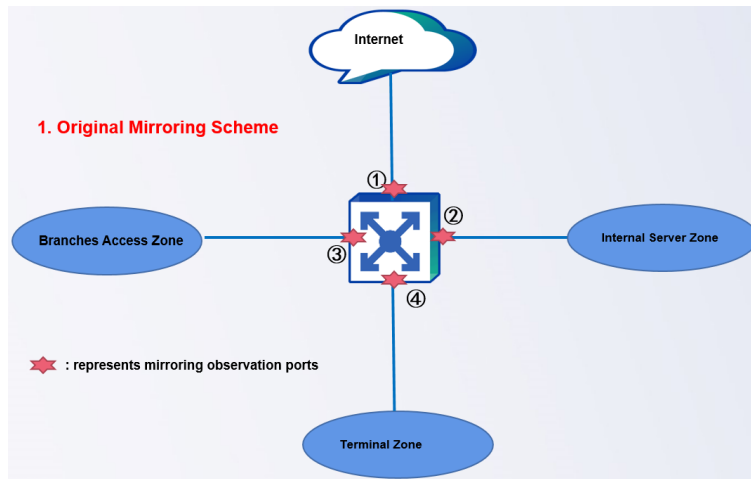


- **Reduce Duplication:** In a multi-domain network environment, it is easy to cause traffic duplication. It is necessary to delineate and discuss the working scope of each STA to avoid highly repetitive traffic situations.
- **Sinking Principle:** Theoretically, traffic mirroring should sink as far as possible to peripheral areas, such as traffic before mirroring to DHCP server, DNS server and other servers, which will make subsequent security operations much more convenient.
- **Performance Issues:** For example, in a data center scenario, internal links are often at the 10GE level, and lateral access traffic is much larger than inbound access traffic. In this case, it is necessary to evaluate whether the performance of the STA can support lateral access traffic.
- **Mirroring Switches:** For some industry customers, even if only mirroring the outbound traffic from core switches is too large, a single STA cannot handle it. In this case, it is necessary to improve the STA model, and on the other hand, use a TAP switch to offload the mirroring to each STA.
- **One-way Traffic:** STA analyzes based on complete sessions. When conduct mirroring policy, it is necessary to ensure the integrity of the request traffic and response traffic. Avoid that only request traffic or only response traffic is mirrored since STA will not analysis in most occasions
- **Typical Devices :** Such as NAT 、 DNS 、 SNMP 、 OMS 、 Scanner devices...etc, should be taken into consideration respectively (see the details in following chapters).

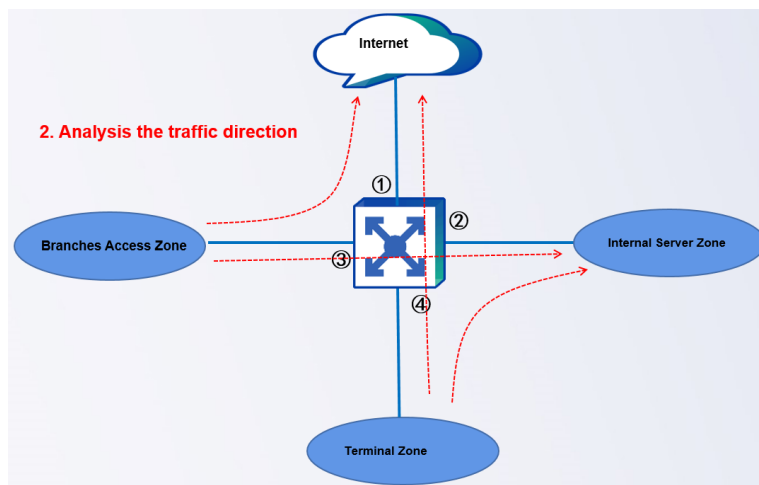
2 Single STA situation

Take the switch interface as the unit and analyze the internal areas traffic to determine the minimum number or optimum combination of mirroring observation ports that need to be mirrored.

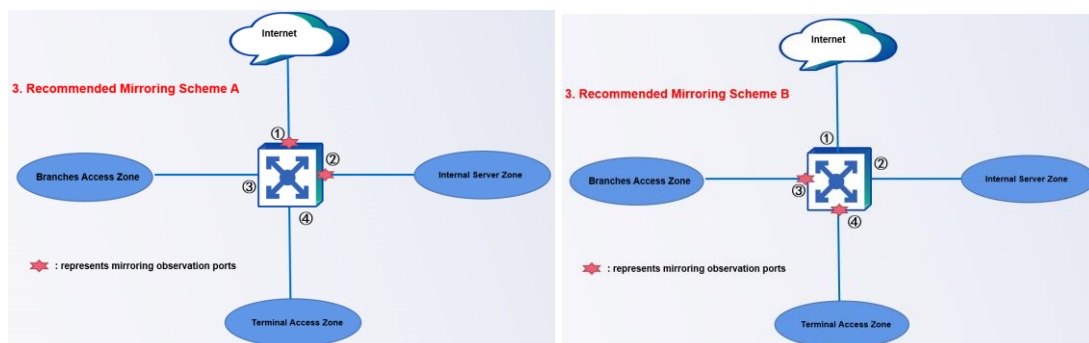
Example: core switch interfaces ①②③④ link to four areas respectively, the original mirroring policy is that all the 4 ports are mirrored as shown in below diagram.



Analysis and draw the access direction we will check out duplicated traffic.



Then we will conclude the exact ports which need to be mirrored.

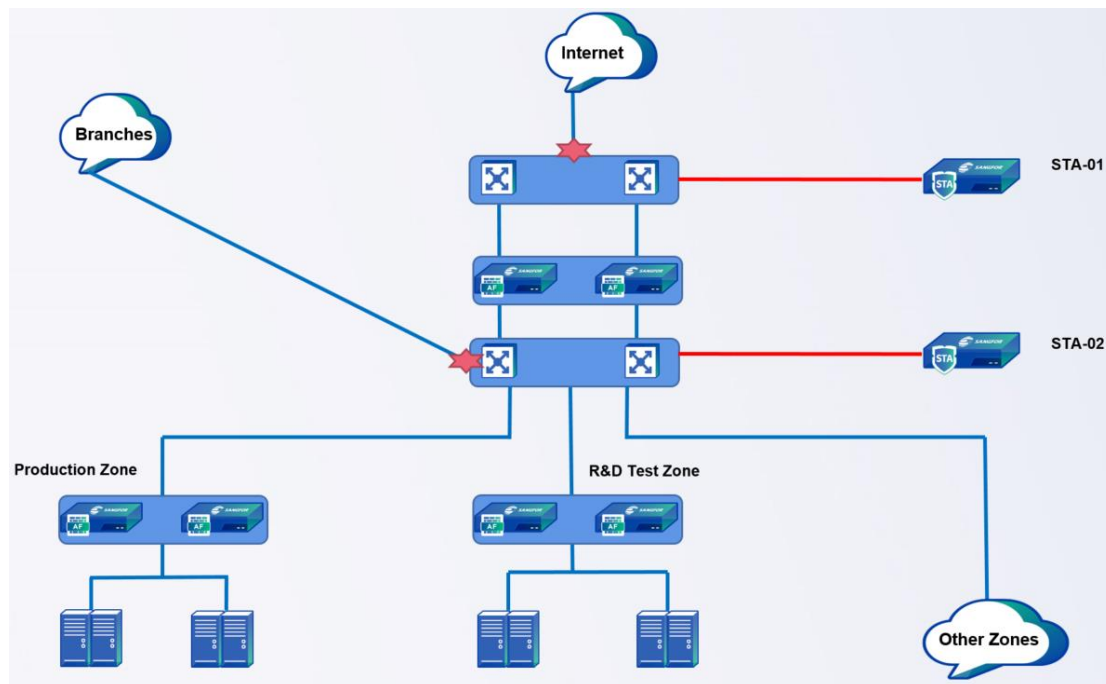


3 Multiple STA

In fact, it is common to see multiple STAs in customer's network. If they are deployed at will, duplicated traffic will increase the number of logs and increase unnecessary resource consumption for STAs. The

scope of action of a single STA should be clear, and the crossover should be reduced as much as possible. Below diagram is an actual deployment of a customer as an example. The problems including:

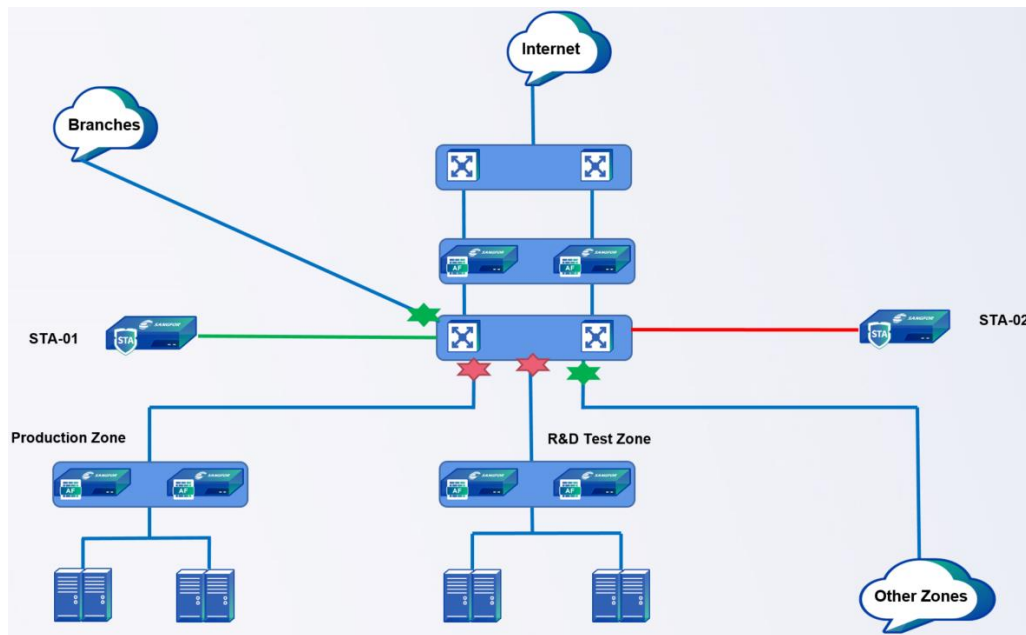
1. Mirroring the traffic after source NAT;
2. Some key zones like Production Zone and R&D Test Zone are not covered and the capability of STA are not be taken full use;
3. There are some duplicated traffic between STA-01 and STA-02;



After analysis of problems, we can adjust the deployment position as below.

The STA-01 can cover Branches and Other Zones to detect threats.

The STA-02 can cover Production and R&D Test Zones to detect threats.

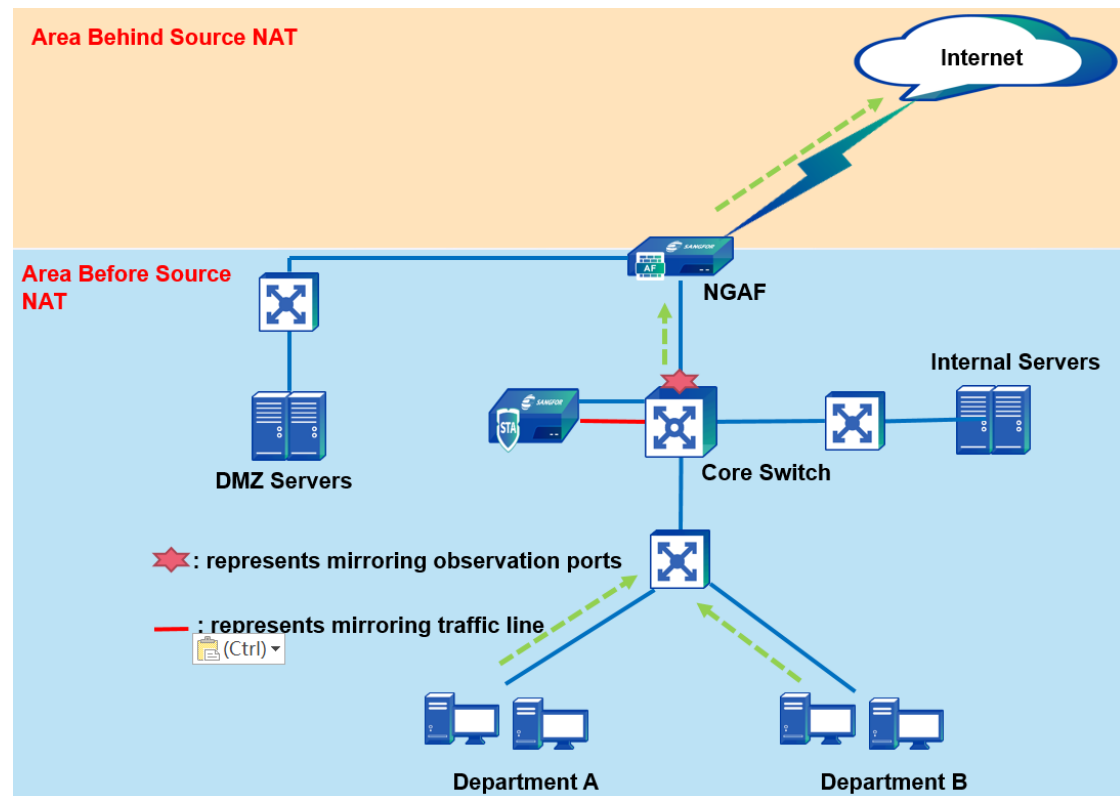


4 NAT Scenario

There are mainly 3 types of NAT, they are source NAT、destination NAT and two-way NAT. For two-way NAT scenarios, there is no good way to do correlation analysis of before and after NAT device since both source IP and destination IP are replaced at the same time.

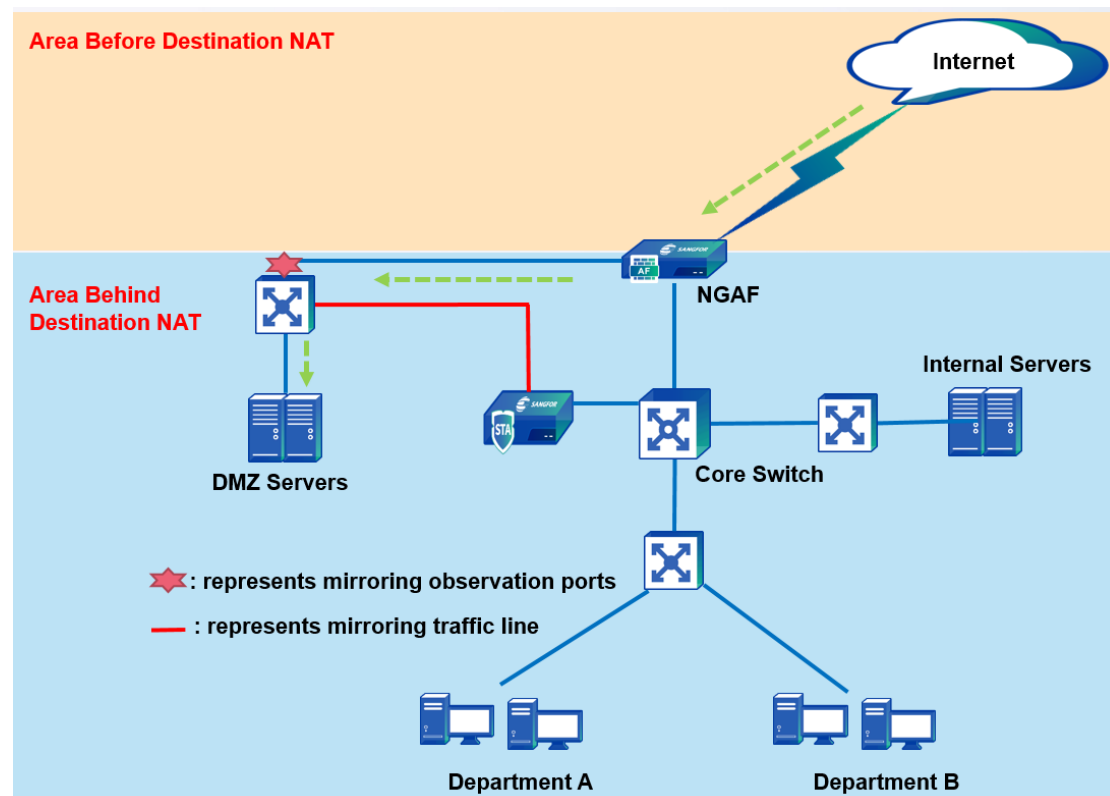
4.1 Source NAT

Make sure that mirroring traffic area locates before source NAT.



4.2 Destination NAT

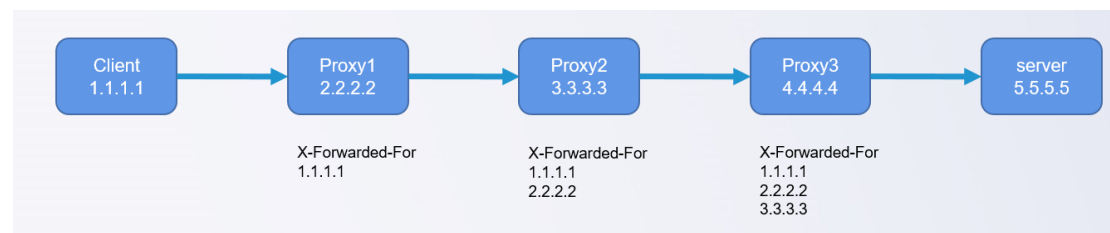
Make sure that mirroring traffic area locates behind destination NAT.



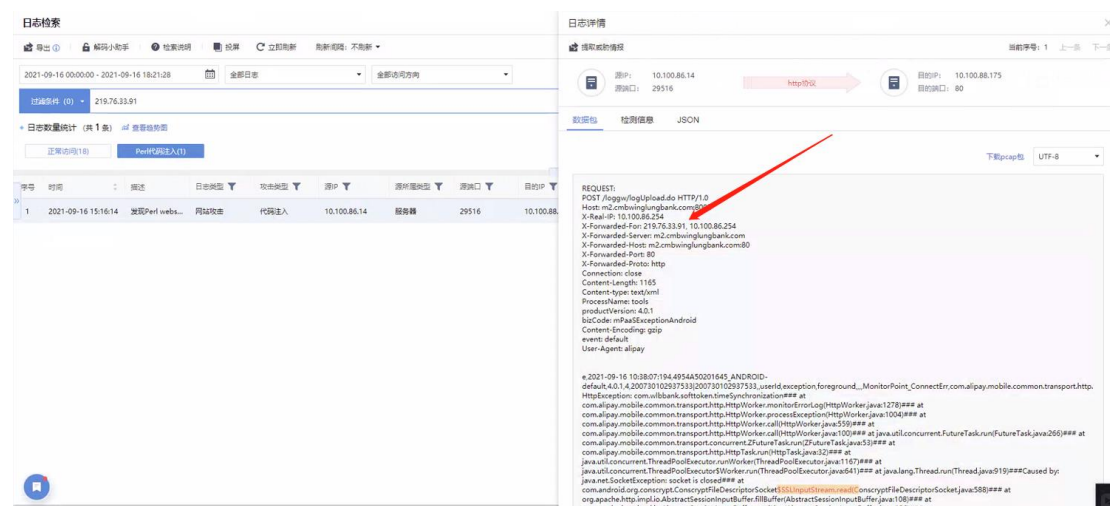
5 Load Blancing/Proxy Scenario

5.1 Basic Understanding

In a multi-level proxy, X-Forwarded-For in the http request header is used to record all proxy addresses from the client address to the last proxy server, as shown below.

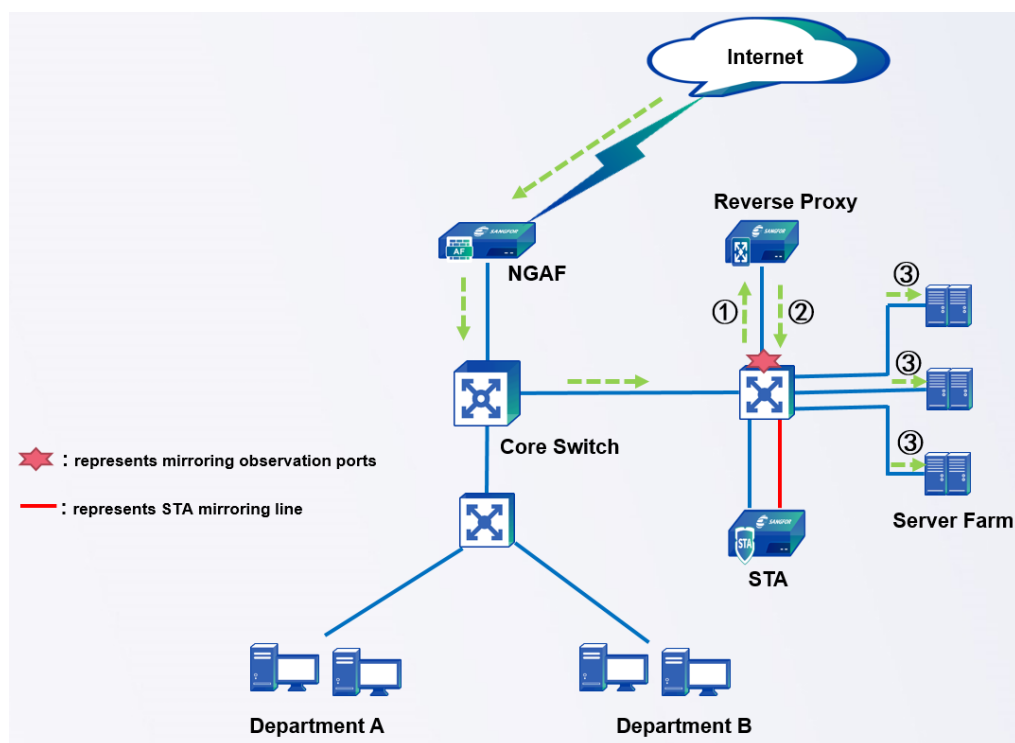


When tracing the attacker source IP, usually the first IP address in the X-Forwarded-For field is the real client address. As shown in the screenshot below, after two layers of proxy, the real source IP is: 219.76.33.91, the first layer of proxy: 10.100.86.254, the second layer of proxy: 10.100.86.14



5.2 Mirroring Observation Position

In reverse proxy scenario, it is recommended that you should deploy the STA mirroring traffic after reverse proxy server since CC can detect x-forward-for field and we can see it in security alerts.



Security Alerts

By Details Settings Refresh Refresh Interval Disabled Include Noncompliant Code Alerts Last 30 days

Click to select field

Target Endpoints: Threat Types: Results: Severity: Attack Stages: Status: Status Codes: Directions: Groups:

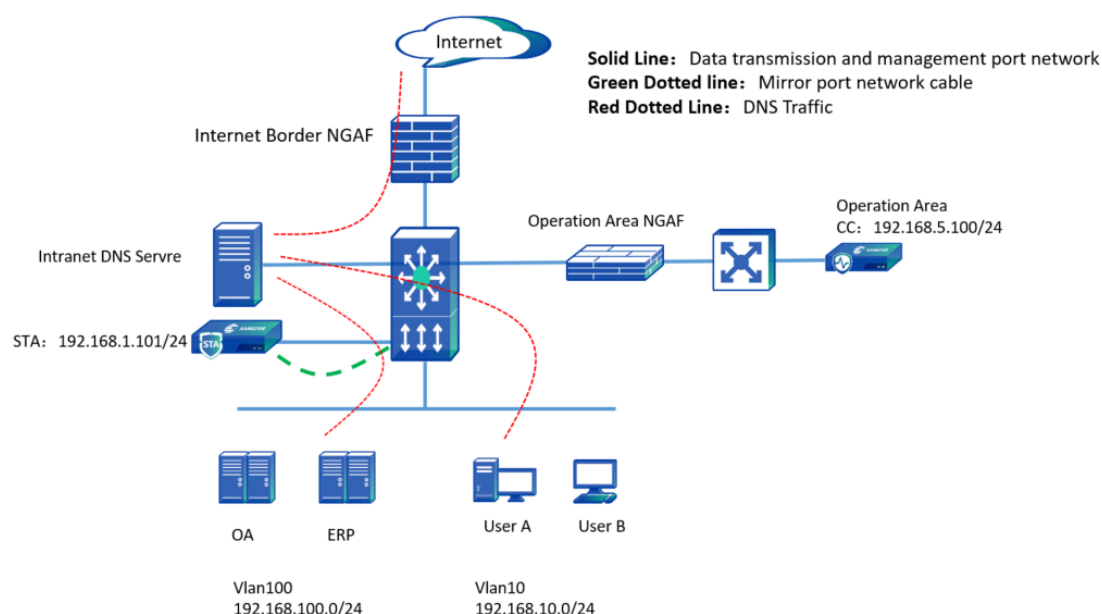
0.0.0.0 336 10.100.19.19 236 10.37.64.30 226 Other Data Leakage 184 Malicious File Download 220 Web System Exploit 192

Copy Bulk Operation Mark Export Open Monitor

No.	Last Detected	Threat	Threat Type	Attack Stage	Target IP	Attacker IP	XFF	Result	Status Co...	URL	Status	Operati...
1	2023-04-27 16:48:58	Maticsoft Api Information Leak...	Web Framework E...	Propagation	172.168.60.20	172.168.60.19	198.1.88.29	Succeed	200	192.168.184.149/8080/tunnel.js...	Pending	
2	2023-04-27 16:27:13	Chopper-2011-php webshell h...	WebShell Manage...	Exploitation	172.168.60.20	172.168.60.19	181.171.154.221, 199...	Attempt...	200	192.168.1.25/dvwa/hackable/u...	Pending	
3	2023-04-27 16:27:13	WebShell Chopper Trojan Dete...	WebShell Manage...	C&C	172.168.60.20	172.168.60.19	181.171.154.221, 199...	Attempt...	200	192.168.1.25/dvwa/hackable/u...	Pending	
4	2023-04-27 16:27:13	General PHP Code Injection Att...	PHP Code Injection	Exploitation	172.168.60.20	172.168.60.19	181.171.154.221	Attempt...	200	192.168.1.25/dvwa/hackable/u...	Pending	
5	2023-04-27 16:27:13	Webshell Management Tool ...	WebShell Access	Exploitation	172.168.60.20	172.168.60.19	181.171.154.221	Attempt...	200	192.168.1.25/dvwa/hackable...	Pending	
6	2023-04-19 00:15:49	Apache Solr Deserialization R...	Open-Source and...	Propagation	172.16.8.161	172.16.1.162	172.16.8.223	Attempt...	800	172.16.8.161:8983/solr/test/c/...	Pending	

6 Internal DNS Server Scenario

6.1 Scenario Description



The above network topology can illustrate intranet DNS Server scenarios in some customers' network structure. When STA receives the mirrored data that is the data behind the intranet DNS server, it will judge the DNS server as a risky host, and cannot locate the real problem business.

6.2 From Logs to Infer Mirroring Policy

There are three conditions from which you can infer the location of the mirrored traffic related to the intranet DNS server.

Case 1: Check the DNS logs in CC platform. If the intranet DNS server IP is both the source and the destination in logs, it means that the traffic before and after the DNS server are all mirrored. You have to add DNS server into security whitelist as the source address and it is necessary to modify the traffic policy.

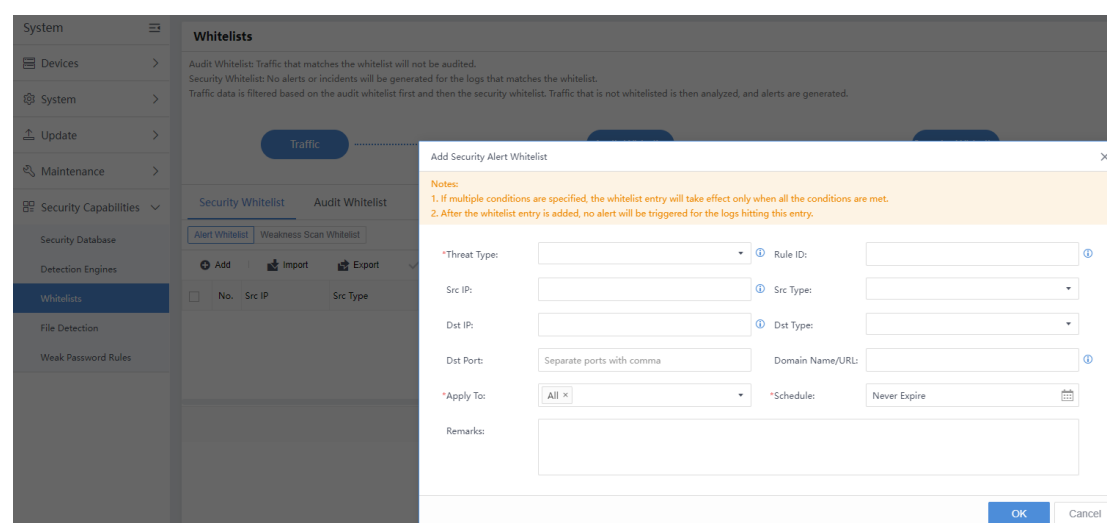
Case 2: Check the DNS logs in CC platform. If the intranet DNS server IP is only the destination address, it means that the mirrored traffic is the traffic before the DNS server, and the mirroring is correct. There is nothing to modify.

Case 3: Check the DNS logs in CC platform. If the the intranet DNS server is only the source address, it means that the mirrored traffic is only after the DNS server, in which condition you can not tell the real problematic terminals . In this case, you need to mirror the right traffic by changing the location of observation port.

7 Scanner/SNMP/OMS Scenario

These typical devices will lead to some misjudgement in CC if you do not intervene. We recommend that you should add them into whitelists

during the period of deployment.



8 Encrypted Traffic Consideration

Currently, the vast majority of important business systems communicates by HTTPS rather than HTTP protocol. The inbound access data will be invisible if the private keys of external servers are not imported in STA.

【Scope of Application】

Encryption protocol versions of TLS/SSL STA supports are:

ssl 3.0、tls 1.0、tls 1.1、tls 1.2;

The algorithm STA supports are:

- **Symmetric algorithm:** DES, 3DES, AES are all supported;
- **Asymmetric algorithm:** RSA and ECDH are supported, but ECDHE is not supported;

How to distinguish what algorithm method the https traffic is?

We can check the server hello response content by capturing the https traffic packet.

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Size in Link	Data
368	2023-03-01 19:00:46.323438	10.34.52.46	10.222.128.13	TCP	54	128	54755 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1366 Ack=32282 Win=2102272 Len=0
369	2023-03-01 19:00:46.323541	10.222.128.13	10.34.52.46	TLSv1.2	1514	60	Application Data [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
370	2023-03-01 19:00:46.323674	10.34.52.46	10.222.128.13	TCP	1514	60	443 → 54755 [ACK] Seq=33742 Ack=1366 Win=31872 Len=1460 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
371	2023-03-01 19:00:46.323686	10.34.52.46	10.222.128.13	TCP	54	128	54755 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1366 Ack=35202 Win=2102272 Len=0
372	2023-03-01 19:00:46.323830	10.222.128.13	10.34.52.46	TCP	1514	60	443 → 54755 [ACK] Seq=35202 Ack=1366 Win=31872 Len=1460 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
373	2023-03-01 19:00:46.323924	10.222.128.13	10.34.52.46	TLSv1.2	1514	60	Application Data [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
374	2023-03-01 19:00:46.323924	10.222.128.13	10.34.52.46	TLSv1.2	98	60	Encrypted Alert
375	2023-03-01 19:00:46.323952	10.34.52.46	10.222.128.13	TCP	54	128	54755 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1366 Ack=38167 Win=2102272 Len=0
376	2023-03-01 19:00:46.324647	10.34.52.46	10.222.128.13	TCP	54	128	54755 → 443 [FIN, ACK] Seq=1366 Ack=38167 Win=2102272 Len=0
377	2023-03-01 19:00:46.325811	10.222.128.13	10.34.52.46	TCP	60	60	443 → 54755 [ACK] Seq=38167 Ack=1367 Win=31872 Len=0
378	2023-03-01 19:00:46.354599	10.34.52.46	10.222.128.13	TCP	66	128	54756 → 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64248 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM=1
379	2023-03-01 19:00:46.354847	10.222.128.13	10.34.52.46	TCP	62	60	443 → 54756 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=29200 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=128
380	2023-03-01 19:00:46.354894	10.34.52.46	10.222.128.13	TCP	54	128	54756 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=2102272 Len=0
381	2023-03-01 19:00:46.355067	10.34.52.46	10.222.128.13	TLSv1.2	571	128	Client Hello
382	2023-03-01 19:00:46.355702	10.222.128.13	10.34.52.46	TCP	60	60	443 → 54756 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=518 Win=30336 Len=0
383	2023-03-01 19:00:46.383947	10.34.52.46	216.38.200.238	TCP	66	128	54757 → 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64248 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM=1
384	2023-03-01 19:00:46.411257	10.222.128.13	10.34.52.46	TLSv1.2	215	6	Server Hello, Change Cipher Spec, Encrypted Handshake Message
385	2023-03-01 19:00:46.411562	10.34.52.46	10.222.128.13	TLSv1.2	61	128	Alert (Level: Fatal, Description: Certificate Unknown)
386	2023-03-01 19:00:46.411694	10.34.52.46	10.222.128.13	TCP	54	128	54756 → 443 [FIN, ACK] Seq=525 Ack=162 Win=2102016 Len=0
387	2023-03-01 19:00:46.412491	10.34.52.46	10.222.128.13	TCP	66	128	54758 → 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64248 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM=1
388	2023-03-01 19:00:46.412685	10.222.128.13	10.34.52.46	TCP	60	60	443 → 54756 [ACK] Seq=162 Ack=525 Win=30336 Len=0
389	2023-03-01 19:00:46.412686	10.222.128.13	10.34.52.46	TCP	60	60	443 → 54756 [FIN, ACK] Seq=162 Ack=525 Win=30336 Len=0

> Frame 384: 215 bytes on wire (1720 bits), 215 bytes captured (1720 bits) on interface 0
> Ethernet II, Src: Shenzhen_6f:03:23 (a8:b0:ca:6f:03:23), Dst: AsixElec_7f:f7:05 (00:b0:c6:7f:f7:05)
> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.222.128.13, Dst: 10.34.52.46
> Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 443, Dst Port: 54756, Seq: 1, Ack: 518, Len: 161
▼ Transport Layer Security
 ▼ TLSv1.2 Record Layer: Handshake Protocol: Server Hello
 Content Type: Handshake (22)
 Version: TLS 1.2 (0x0303)
 Length: 81
 ▼ Handshake Protocol: Server Hello
 Handshake Type: Server Hello (2)
 Length: 77
 Version: TLS 1.2 (0x0303)
 Random: c40bbac8ff8618fc913c8950a6537fc68aed69b51f2962...
 Session ID Length: 32
 Session ID: ae027d2470676491830df40761729fd63bbecdf21cf1d04d...
 Cipher Suite: TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA (0x002f)
 Compression Method: null (0)
 Extensions Length: 5
0090 01 01 16 03 00 40 d5 52 80 84 cd 97 9c 3b c6 ... 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

Where to import the private key in STA if it is in the scope of application?

Navigate: System->Cyber Command

Enable

Cyber Command

Server IP: 192.168.10.12

Authentication Key: *****

Authentication Key: *****

Test Connectivity

Outbound Bandwidth: 1000 Mbps

Transmission Port: Settings

Log Types:

- Standard logs
 - Simplified logs
 - Advanced logs
 - LAN access logs
 - Custom logs
- Security detection
 - Web attack
 - Vuln exploit
 - APT detection
 - Server weakness detection
- Access detection
 - Authorized access
 - Risky/unauthorized access
- HTTPS
 - HTTPS
 - HTTP
 - DNS
 - Email
 - SMB
 - AD domain
 - Web Login
 - FTP
 - TELNET
 - ICMP
 - SNMP
 - SSL
 - SSH
 - SIP
- Protocol audit

HTTPS Audit Logging

Add Private Key

Name	IP
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Set Private Key

IP:

Port: ☐ Default port 443 ☐ Specified

Key Add Key File

Password:

OK Cancel



Be careful, as it is a software decryption for STA, not a hardware decryption card, it will consume a amount of STA resources and reduce efficiency.

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9.1 Communication Ports

Domain Name/ Destination IP address	Ports	Function
CC's IP address is 443, 4430, or 4488.	443(TCP),4430(TCP),4488(TCP)	CC's 443 and 4430 ports are for STA to sync logs to CC. CC's 4488 port is for STA to send a database update request to CC.
CC's IP address is 4430. NGAF IP address's 7443.	4430(TCP),7443(TCP)	CC's 4430 port is for NGAF to sync log to CC. NGAF's 7443 port is for CC to push integration action to NGAF.
CC's IP address is 7443. ES's IP address is 443.	4430(TCP), 7443(TCP)	CC's 7443 port is for ES to sync log to CC. ES's 443 port is for CC to push integration action to ES.
IAG's IP address is 7443 or 9998. CC's IP address is 1775 or 7443.	7443(TCP), 9998(TCP), 1775 (UDP)	IAG's 7443 and 9998 ports are for CC to push integration action to IAG. IAG's 1775 port is for IAG to sync the user information to CC. IAG's 7443 port is for IAG to submit the asset to CC.
update1.sangfor.net	80(TCP),443(TCP),53(UDP)	Update Server 1 for database update.
update2.sangfor.net	80(TCP),443(TCP),53(UDP)	Update Server 2 for database update.
update3.sangfor.net	80(TCP),443(TCP),53(UDP)	Update Server 3 for database update.

121.46.26.221	80(TCP),443(TCP),53(UDP)	Update Server 4 for database update.
sp1.sangfor.com	80(TCP),443(TCP),53(UDP)	Update Server 1 for System patch
sp2.sangfor.com	80(TCP),443(TCP),53(UDP)	Update Server 2 for System patch
sp3.sangfor.com	80(TCP),443(TCP),53(UDP)	Update Server 3 for System patch
DNS server on CC	53 (UDP)	For Domain name resolve
auth.sea.sangfor.com	80(TCP),443(TCP),53(UDP)	Authentication
upd.sea.sangfor.com	80(TCP),443(TCP),53(UDP)	Configuration Updates
clt.sea.sangfor.com	80(TCP),443(TCP),53(UDP)	Log sync
Ti.sea.sangfor.com	80(TCP),443(TCP),53(UDP)	Threat intelligence
Intelligence.sea.sangfor.com	80(TCP),443(TCP),53(UDP)	Threat intelligence
analysis.sea.sangfor.com	80(TCP),443(TCP),53(UDP)	Threat intelligence
edrsaas.sangfor.com	8083,443,54120,80	SaaS-EDR
edragent.sangfor.com	8083,443,54120,80	C/S communication
x.sangfor.com	80(TCP),443(TCP),53(UDP)	Device management
device.sangfor.com	80(TCP),443(TCP),53(UDP)	Device Licensing Server
device.scloud.sangfor.com	80(TCP),443(TCP),53(UDP)	Device management
partner.sangfor.com	80(TCP),443(TCP),53(UDP)	Partner Portal
remote0.scloud.sangfor.com	5000 (TCP, UDP)	Device management